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A business must be profitable if it is to continue to exist, but the glory of business is to make it so successful that you can do great things because they are great and because they ought to be done.—Charles M. Schwab.

When booze gets through with industry there will be anything left of booze.

How does it come that with all the influx of gold we hear so little of the "gold cure" that was so fashionable in "wet" States some years ago?

Some people believe so firmly in the principles of democracy that they stay awake nights thinking how much better they are than other people.

Is the water department trying to make a record in broken mains before the year closes? If so, it is to be congratulated on the latest one yesterday at Mount Airy.

With \$50,000,000 belonging to farmers of Lancaster County lying in the banks at three per cent, as was the case recently, no one was surprised that the Federal Farm Loan Board passed up this State as a location for one of their institutions.

The confidence of the leaders of each faction that they cannot possibly be so black as they know the leaders of the other side to be indicates that the ordinary citizen would need a magnifying glass to find a white spot on any one of them.

The late Mme. de Thebes, who foretold the war, also prophesied that the Kaiser would die an exile in England twenty-five years after ascending the throne. That date happened some years ago, and latest accounts say he was on the west front, which is likely to be changed to the east front before this goes to press, and again to the west front before it is read.

The senior Senator is somewhat inaccurate when he says that "the people of the State will be astonished when the extravagance, absenteeism, misappropriation of funds, political coercion and intimidation and other scandalous conditions are exposed." They will be astonished if they are exposed, but no political scandal could be so monstrous as to astonish them at this time. As to absenteeism, Penrose may think that John R. K. Scott holds the championship; but John R. K. Scott knows that Penrose holds the record.

Strange how an honest phrase can be perverted as it falls from the wrong man's pen! One can swallow Penrose's attack on Brumbaugh as he writes of his ceasing to be "the Governor of the whole people," and with some relief; but when he adds "and not treating people fairly," the muddy origin of the crystal spring of rhetoric is laid bare. "Not treating people fairly" has been harped upon by McNichol, Penrose and every other spokesman in Philadelphia until every child has come to know that it means precisely "the giving of jobs to Vars men instead of Penrose men."

Why the temperance movement is gaining in momentum was shown in Delaware County when the Sun Shipbuilding Company and the suburban traction companies protested against the granting of licenses. The traction companies opposed the sale of liquor near their terminal at Sixty-ninth street, and the shipbuilders objected to a saloon near their plant in Chester. Liquor and efficiency will not mix; any more successfully than oil and water. It has been discovered that temperance pays, just as we know that honesty is the best policy. If men would be honest and temperate from higher motives all moralists would be delighted, but if they will be temperate and honest for selfish motives only it must be admitted that this is better than not at all.

The son of a prominent lawyer was caught stealing an overcoat he was going to pawn for drugs. Five years ago that would have been a one-day scandal for newspapers and their readers. Today it is listed at once to a pile of data used by a few determined men and a newspaper here and there to force restrictive and unenforceable laws that will wipe out the unenforced use of drugs. The movement is irresistible. Five years from now the community will lazily laugh it past naturally evolved the re-

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PROBABLY NOT SERIOUS, BUT CERTAINLY MOST ANNOYING



What Do You Know?

Queries of general interest will be answered in this column. For questions the answers to which every well-informed person should know, see "Quiz."

QUIZ

- 1. "Crotchet" means one thing in New Orleans and another in West Florida. Explain the different uses.
2. Who was Virginia Dare?
3. Explain the word "Croatian" in American history.
4. What use the neutral nations of Europe?
5. What King took the curious title "Charles XIV Gustav?"
6. Who was Will Cabbett?
7. In speaking of moths, what is a "four," a "six," an "eight," a "twelve"?
8. What was the name of the first airplane?
9. Who was America's first great novelist?
10. What is a cow penny?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. Albert Hall is president of the National Railways of Mexico.
2. Lord George is a native of Wales.
3. The Pashanah and Texas are the names of two States, which project in the form of a peninsula.
4. Harvard is the oldest institution of learning in the United States.
5. Vitell is famous for its production of sea-birds.
6. Major General Hugh L. Scott, as chief of staff, is the highest ranking officer in the army.
7. Secretary of State Sewar was the American statesman instrumental in negotiating the purchase of Alaska.
8. Tennessee wrote "Crossing the Bar."
9. Queen Mary II of England said "calah" when she was crowned.
10. The English king and the Russian Czar are first cousins.

Mr. Sproull's Career

Editor of "What Do You Know?"—In today's quiz you ask: "Who is William Sproull?" He is a graduate of Swarthmore College. He is the oldest Senator, in point of years of continuous service, in the Pennsylvania State Senate. When a student in the Chester High School, Mr. Sproull contributed to the columns of the Chester Times, which he now owns, a monthly salary of fifty cents a week! With this training in Chester, a Philadelphia newspaper (The Press) shortly after entering Swarthmore. The Sproull good roads bill had its inception in the Delaware County Senator's mind when he was in his early teens. He was riding a bicycle along the Concord road, a highway leading into Chester, made historic by the retreat of the Continental army, when he saw a man on a horse, following the disastrous battle of the Brandywine, when the youthful rider was hurled to the ground, his silent steed striking a deep rut in the high-ways. It was then that Sproull first realized the needs of good roads throughout the country districts, and he was not long in the Senate when he introduced the measure that bears his name. Senator Sproull organized the Seaboard Steel Castings Company, of Chester, before he was thirty years of age, becoming president of the corporation. Later he was master of Chester's maritime business by his organization of the Chester Shipping Company, of which he is also president. He is a hard and tireless worker. When in his publication office he sets the pace for his employees. He writes a personal item with the same care and deliberation that mark his work in twitting an editorial leader. "What thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" is the motto he has diligently practiced, and his application of the old adage has been the principal factor in achieving his remarkable successes. EDGAR D. MELVILLE, Chester, Pa., December 23.

Messages of Presidents

J. S. C.—A ten-volume set of "Messages and Papers of the Presidents," from Washington to McKinley, may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., for \$5 (cloth) or \$15 (sheep), or 50 cents a volume. (cloth) a twenty-volume set, bringing the papers down to date, was published recently by the Bureau of National Literature, 141 West Thirty-sixth street, New York. Allotment of the Government set was made in 1890 to members of the Senate and House for distribution upon their order, but this distribution has been completed. Have you tried the large second-hand bookstores?

Suffrage in Prussia

W. S. L.—Citizens of Prussia, which is a constitutional hereditary monarchy, have the right of ballot in the selection of legislative representatives of the kingdom. The Imperial German Consulate furnishes the information that every male citizen of the age of twenty-four years and not deprived of his civic rights by judgment, is entitled to vote.

WAR PROSPERITY

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—I notice that Secretary Lansing says that the material rights of the nation were not affected because, according to him, the nation has prospered on account of the war. I would like to be enlightened on who or what constitutes the nation. Does he mean a handful of steel kings and profiteers who are every small percentage of the army of workmen who work in the

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Moving Thanks From Firemen's Families for Efforts in Their Behalf—Does Loyalty Pay?

This department is free to all readers who wish to express their opinions on subjects of current interest. It is an open forum, and the Editor reserves the right to edit letters for the views of his correspondents. Letters must be addressed to the Editor of the Evening Ledger, and not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

THE FIREMAN'S CHILD

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Can't my papa be home more at night? He is in a firehouse all the time. We don't go out. My mamma has to take me and my brother when she does go. My papa goes to bed early one day he is home, and he says he is so glad to go to bed without his clothes on. If all the little girls have firemen papas I am sorry. It is so lonely when papa goes away from us. Philadelphia, December 22. E. M. HALL.

ANOTHER WIFE SPEAKS

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—The unusual interest you have shown in behalf of the employees of the Fire Bureau—to help better their conditions—is surely worthy of appreciation. As a wife of one of the members I feel it is my duty and pleasure to thank you for your efforts in aiming to bring about a condition that will allow the employees more time, at least with their home folks. ELIZABETH GORDON MOODIE, Philadelphia, December 27.

REWARD FOR LOYALTY

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—It is a great surprise to a non-employee, Pennsylvania Railroad, who stood by the Pennsylvania Railroad shoulder to shoulder in the trouble between the railroad and its trainmen over the eight-hour day, that something substantial in higher wages on account of the high cost of living has not been given us. It has been appreciated by a number of railroads of the country, which have given their non-employees a bonus of ten per cent on their pay. Why not the great Pennsylvania Railroad? It is no wonder men organize for their protection on the Pennsylvania if loyalty of the employees is not appreciated by the company. NON-AGREEMENT RAILROAD MAN, Philadelphia, December 19.

WHERE VILLA IS

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—A Washington news item today has the following: "Secretary of State Lansing said today that he was not yet convinced that Francisco Villa is at the head of the present movement in northern Mexico." Mr. Lansing's doubts are perfectly natural and justifiable. Villa is now conducting a five and ten cent store in Alabama. ONE WHO KNOWS, West Philadelphia, December 22.

A STEP TOWARD PEACE

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—"We are ready to talk peace" was the sum total of Germany's recent note, and England's reply should have been "So are we" or "We are not." In effect Lloyd George says, "So are we," so that it is entirely wrong to insist that he has rejected Germany's proposals, for Germany did not make any proposals. Lloyd George indicates that it is up to Germany to name specific terms as a preliminary for any peace negotiations. That is entirely fair, for, as Germany took the initiative toward peace, it is incumbent on her to outline the terms she has to offer. This she will most assuredly do, so that after all her peace move has not been brushed off as good results. Lloyd George's attitude now is "Let Germany name the terms and we will consider them." What more could have been expected? Is not this a step toward peace? Philadelphia, December 19. E. J. COY.

plants that are controlled by the steel and powder men? I might remark that the majority of workers in these plants get less than \$18 a week and in most of them the sanitary conditions are bad. I fall to see where even these workmen benefit any. So the percentage of people who profit by the war and work in places like I have mentioned don't amount to a whole lot.

On the other hand, the majority of workmen who had ordinary jobs before the war still have the same jobs at the same wages and the benefit that the war does them couldn't be discovered by a telescope. They have the pleasure of knowing that they have to pay, in some cases, one and a half times as much for food as they have been in the habit of paying.

These people form considerably more of the population of the United States than do the munition workers. If war occurs they will have to form the fighting force because the high-priced munition men will be too valuable to be sent to the front.

Of course, there are dealers in other commodities who have made fortunes since the war began, but I have not noticed any headlines telling about them sharing their profits with their employees. J. JOYCE, Philadelphia, December 22.

STRAND

Germentown Ave. at Venango St. N. Phila.'s Pre-Eminent Photoplay Palace. MONDAY AFTERNOON JAN. 1. Inaugural Attraction—First Showing. CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG in "THE FOOLISH VIRGIN" Orchestra 15 Pieces—Vocal Soloists. MATINEE DAILY 2:15-3:00. 15c. EVENINGS 7 & 9-10c. 20c. 25c.

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The Northeast Corner

Rebalyat of a Computer XXCV I said unto the Seaman: "Sir, I need A peck of two of your best Garden seed. I walked patiently to see Things coming up. But all I saw was Weed and Weed and Weed." Uncle John Bader, Wilmington's superior contractor, who lives an eight-ball combination in pocket billiards better than he lives a \$40,000 contract, is also devoted to long sentences. Speaking of his favorite game the other night, he said in part: "The first course in the education of a gentleman in the accumulation of a sufficient quantity of more or less reasonable skills as to why a given shot is missed, and, failing in the production of a suitable alibi, his attitude toward the game is apt to be misconstrued by rival contractors, and he is more than liable to find himself awfully handicapped in the continuation of his pleasurable amusements, not only on his own account, but on the part of those who usually seated in the gallery, desire to observe the puncturing of his bubble reputation. On a certain notable occasion, I put an end to speaking." Still, Uncle John had a lot more to say, and was restrained with difficulty.

The only sort of tyranny that is lasting is that of the weak over the strong. That's why the conquest of the eternal feminine is the only perfect example of an absolute monarchy.

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